**Fall Coaches Meeting Minutes**

**September 1, 2011**

* The roster and email lists are being updated. Please let Pat Cannon know if you need to change information on the roster if you did not attend the meeting.
* The St. Charles tournament on November 12 will be at St. Charles North.
* ICDA 1/workshop plans were reviewed.

1. Friday evening and all day Saturday will be a training workshop for novices including training Friday night, and observation hour Saturday morning, and two sessions of debate with awards. Each school may bring up to 5 varsity trainers Friday evening. Please take care in filling out the registration form that Tom has put into the Edline link for his tournament. There will be a judge training Saturday, however new judges are welcome to come Friday evening and observe the novice training session.
2. When registering for the ICDA 1 portion of the tournament, indicate if any of your students would like to be in a “rapid fire” chamber (add ‘R’ to the template). Here debaters will use rapid fire questioning during 3rd session, meaning that the 2 minute q & a period will call for a series of four ‘30 seconds’ for each questioner to ask a series of questions. When the 30 seconds is over, the PO will call for the next questioner to rise. If a questioner runs out of questions, he/she may yield time to another questioner. We will observe and solicit feedback from these chambers for the purpose of further consideration of using this method during the TOC semi-final and final rounds, and in the championship chambers at ICDA state.
3. Pizza orders are due Friday night.
4. There will be a captain’s meeting during lunch on Saturday
5. You may choose to send novices to ICDA 1 and not participate in the workshop. You may not have students do both.

* Bills are now posted on edline. Schools with a rejected bill will automatically be included at the next tournament. However, if a school is up for automatic inclusion, the bill must be in the correct category, well written, and appropriate. The oversight committee has the right to reject a bill from a school for the second time, however if this is the case, the bill will give specific reasons about why the decision was made, and suggestions for improvement.
* The oversight committee will continue to consider the use of a preferential ballot for the championship portion of the state tournament.
* We will use the new seating charts this year so that students will move around the room and not be locked in to sitting in a specific location during the entire tournament.
* Register your new students for a password to access Edline by carefully filling out the Edline roster found in the coaches forum, and email to Tim Waters at Rolling Meadows.
* Nationals will be in Indianapolis this year.
* Consider participation in Public Forum debate. A PF calendar was distributed. Contact Darrell Robin for information about the upcoming workshop and first tournament at Schaumburg.